

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, beginning line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

--With reference to Figures 2, 3 and 4, each slide 5 lowerly presents a threaded pin 55 (Figure 4), the axis of which intersects the longitudinal axis of the corresponding radial slot 4, and on which there is mounted a bushing 8 on which a pair of identical overlying connecting rods 9 are pivoted by way of an interposed spacer 10. The opposing ends of the connecting rods 9 are hinged to the corners of two identical overlying square plates 11 (Figure 2) mounted idly on the shaft 3, so that the two connecting rods 9 of each pair are disposed symmetrical about the direction in which the corresponding clamping jaw 6 travels (Figure 2). The function of the plates 11 and connecting rods 9 is to link form linking means for linking together all the clamping jaws which grip the edge of the wheel rim 7 such that they are always equidistant from the axis of the shaft 3 of the tire removal machine.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, beginning line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

--Said two opposing slides 5 present lowerly (Figure 5) a descending central stem 13 which terminates with a ~~bush~~

bushing 14 provided with two opposing holes 140 and 141 perpendicular to the axis of the ~~bush~~ bushing. The ~~bush~~ bushing 14 is connected to the said positioner device 20, which comprises a crankshaft 15 provided with a crank 16, on the crankpin 17 [[of]] on which the ~~bush~~ bushing 14 is mounted. The ends of the crankshaft 15 are connected respectively to said pneumatic cylinder-piston units 12.